

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Currently, all claims stand rejected.

In the office action dated March 15, 2005, claim 14 was objected to because the phrase "an end" in line 5 should read "said end". Appropriate correction has been made by the instant response and thus this objection has been obviated.

Claims 1-14 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of U.S. patent No. 6,671,965. Applicant attaches hereto a terminal disclaimer which obviates this rejection. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$130.00 for the disclaimer fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

There being no other objections or rejections, the instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

A one month extension of time is enclosed herewith along with a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension of time fee.

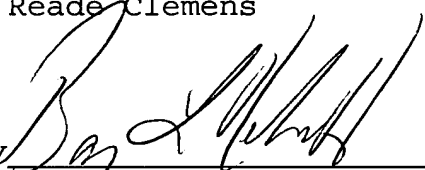
Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Should the Director determine that an additional fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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